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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Daniel St.Cyr	2876

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/17/01.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, “, such as via WAP” should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. Claims 1-16, 19-23, and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay, US Patent No. 6,223,166, in view of Melick et al, US Pub. No. 200/0195495.

Kay discloses a cryptographic encoded ticket issuing and collection system for remote Purchasers comprising: a web site 18 for displaying event tickets; a ticket server 20 for storing electronic tickets and transmitting the ticket over a network 16; an end user system 12 for receiving the electronic ticket data; a display 23 for displaying the ticket information; a printer for printing a hard copy of the ticket; a handheld reader 27 for reading a bar code on the ticket;

and a processor 45 for processing the uploaded collected ticket information from the terminal to check for fraudulent duplicate tickets.

Kay fails to disclose or fairly suggests a mobile device for receiving and displaying the electronic ticket data.

Melick et al disclose a method and apparatus for bar code data interchange comprising: a mobile device 500 for receiving bar code data and displaying the bar code data; a bar code reader 108 for reading the bar code from the display of the device 500 (see page 4, right column, line 36+).

In view of Melick et al's teachings, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Kay to include a mobile device for displaying the electronic ticket. Such modification would make the system more convenient and more secured by having the electronic ticket information being displayed on a personal mobile device, such as a PDA, which would prevent fraudulent duplicate tickets. Therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Kay.

Re claims, 17, 18,, and 24, Kay as modified by Melick et al fails to disclose or fairly suggest that the reading device is a digital camera. However, such limitation falls within the engineering design choice, wherein the claimed digital camera performs the same function as the prior art and readily available in the art.

It would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Kay as modified by Melick et al to employ a digital camera for reading the displayed ticket data. Such modification would facilitate and expedite

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data communication between remote devices. Therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Kay as modified Melick et al.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gobburu et al, US Patent No. 6,736,322.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2876

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December 23, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel St.Cyr", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.